

**Regulation No. (4) of 2008  
Concerning  
The Use and Licensing of Recreational  
Motorbikes/Quad Bikes in the Emirate of Dubai<sup>1</sup>**

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**We, Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council,**

After perusal of Federal Traffic Law No. (21) of 1995, and its amendments and Implementing By-law,  
Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai,  
Law No. (17) of 2005 Establishing the Roads and Transport Authority,  
Law No. (18) of 2006 Concerning the Management and Realisation of Public Funds of the Government of Dubai,  
Executive Council Resolution No. (8) of 2006 Establishing the Licensing Agency of the Roads and Transport Authority,

**do hereby issue the following Regulation:**

**Article (1)**

This Regulation shall be cited as ‘**Regulation No. (4) of 2008 Concerning the Use and Licensing of Recreational Motorbikes/Quad Bikes in the Emirate of Dubai**’.

**Article (2)**

The following words and expressions shall have the meaning indicated opposite each of them, unless the context otherwise implies:

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai
Authority:	The Roads and Transport Authority
Agency:	The Licensing Agency of the Authority
Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike:	A two or more wheeled motor vehicle, not designed as an automobile, licensed for use in all terrains except pavements.
Rental Offices:	The offices licensed to rent Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes.
Specialised Institutes:	The institutes offering training courses on traffic safety for riders of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes.

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<sup>1</sup> Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this Regulation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text shall prevail.

Licensed Areas:	The areas designated by the Authority for riding Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes.
Number Plate:	A number plate issued to Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes by the Agency.

### **Article (3)**

No natural or legal person shall ride a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike or rent Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes without obtaining a licence from the Agency applicable only to unpaved areas designated by the Authority.

### **Article (4)**

No individual shall ride Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes on pavements, in residential areas or inland and coastal areas in the Emirate.

### **Article (5)**

A Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike rider must meet the following requirements:

1. Be at least sixteen (16) years old. Individuals below this age may use Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes under the supervision of a guardian.
2. Be mentally and physically fit to ride the Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes.
3. Be familiar with the operating and riding rules of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes.
4. Wear the special outfit for riding Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes, including a protective helmet.
5. Comply with the safety regulations and requirements stipulated by the Implementing By-law of this Regulation.

For the purposes of this Article, Rental Offices must verify that individuals renting the Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes meet the above conditions.

### **Article (6)**

The applicant for a licence must provide comprehensive insurance coverage for the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike against accidents and civil liability. Such coverage must be issued by an insurance company that is recognised in the Emirate.

### **Article (7)**

1. All Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation must be registered with the Agency.
2. To license a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike owned by a natural person, the owner must pass the traffic safety training courses offered by sales dealers or Specialised Institutes.

### **Article (8)**

The licence to use and rent Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes shall be valid for one year renewable for similar periods subject to the same conditions and requirements, provided that an application for renewal is submitted to the Agency within thirty (30) days from the date of expiry of the licence.

### **Article (9)**

Without prejudice to any higher penalty stipulated by any other legislation, anyone who violates the provisions of this Regulation, its Implementing By-law or the decisions issued in pursuance thereof shall be subject to the penalties set out in Schedule No. (2) annexed to this Regulation. In case a violation is committed for the third time within one year, the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike shall be seized for one month. The Implementing By-law of this Regulation shall set out the necessary conditions and requirements for the seizure and release of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes.

### **Article (10)**

1. The Agency shall be authorised to lay down the conditions and instructions necessary for monitoring, surveying and inspecting Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike Rental Offices, facilities and fleets of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes so as to verify their compliance with the conditions and specifications set out in this Regulation and its Implementing By-law.
2. Without prejudice to the jurisdiction of Dubai Police in investigating acts and violations committed outside the Licensed Areas in apparent breach of this Regulation, employees of the Agency shall be authorised as judicial officers to verify the acts and violations committed within the Licensed Areas in breach of the provisions of this Regulation and its Implementing By-law. For this purpose, they may issue the necessary violation reports and fines and seek the assistance of police personnel and coastguards.

### **Article (11)**

1. The Authority shall, in return for the services it provides, collect the fees set out in Schedule No. (1) annexed to this Regulation, and deposit them in the account of its treasury.

2. The proceeds of the fines set out in Schedule No. (2) annexed to this Regulation in respect of the violations committed within the Licensed Areas shall be deposited in the account of the treasury of the Authority.
3. The fines stipulated in Schedule No. (2) annexed to this Regulation in respect of violations committed outside the Licensed Areas shall accrue to the treasury of Dubai Police, except for the fine for Violation No. (6), which shall accrue to the treasury of the Authority.

#### **Article (12)**

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Authority shall issue the Implementing By-law of this Regulation that will set out the conditions, requirements and specifications required for the licensing and registering of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes, traffic safety training courses and other matters provided for in this Regulation.

#### **Article (13)**

Owners of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes and the Rental Offices to whom this Regulation applies shall adjust their status to conform to the provisions of this Regulation within six (6) months from the date on which it comes into force.

#### **Article (14)**

Any provision in any other legislation shall be repealed to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Regulation.

#### **Article (15)**

This Regulation shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into effect from the date published.

**Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**  
**Crown Prince of Dubai**  
**Chairman of the Executive Council**

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**Schedule No. (1)**

**Schedule of Fees**

<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fees in Dirhams</b>
1	Registration of a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike	300
2	Renewal of registration of a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike	300
3	Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike test	100
4	Licence for a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike Rental Office	1,000
5	Renewal of the licence of a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike Rental Office	1,000

## Schedule No. (2)

### Violations and Fines (in Dirhams)

S	Violation	First Occurrence	Second Occurrence	Third Occurrence
1	Riding a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike that does not meet the traffic safety conditions.	200	300	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month
2	Riding on pavements as well as on the sides of pavements or in residential, inland or coastal areas.	200	300	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month
3	Riding an unregistered Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike.	100	300	Seizure of the bike for one month
4	Riding a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike with an expired registration card.	100	300	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month
5	Failure to wear a helmet while riding a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike.	100	300	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month
6	Renting Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes without licence.	Seizure of Recreational Motorbikes/ Quad Bikes until the breach is remedied.		
7	Failure to renew the Rental Office licence one month after expiry.	200		
8	Rider of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike is under 16 years of age and not accompanied by a guardian.	200	300	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month
9	Riding a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike without a number plate.	200	300	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month
10	Failure to maintain insurance coverage on a Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike.	500	1,000	Seizure of the Recreational Motorbike/ Quad Bike for one month